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From left to right: Acting Dean of Faculty G. Roberts Kolb, President Eugene Tobin, Student Assembly President McLloyd Onwubere '95, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees J. Carter Bacot '55 at the Inauguration last Saturday.

Hamilton junior arrested in connection with weekend brawl

By Gabriel Meyer '96
NEWS EDITOR

Mark Melnitsky '95 was arrested by the Kirkland Police Wednesday on charges of assault in the third degree, a misdemeanor. The arrest came following a fight Melnitsky was involved in at the Delta Upsilon (DU) Clam Bake party last Saturday. Security guard Richard David Otis filed a complaint against Melnitsky for injuries sustained when he attempted to break up the fight.

Melnitsky is a member of DU and captain of the Hamilton football team. He was unavailable for commen regarding his arrest.

Numerous fights and scuffles broke out at parties held at the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) and DU fraternities Saturday afternoon, including the one at DU in which Otis was injured. He was hospitalized for a concussion and cuts and bruises, one of which required ten stitches above his right eye. In addition, two of Otis' teeth where chipped and his glasses were broken.

An employee of Northern Security, Otis was working as part of security service hired by DU to monitor the party.

According to Commanding Lieutenant Dan English of the Kirkland Police Department, Melnitsky was arrested at police headquarters at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon shortly after he was issued an appearance ticket. Officer Charles Kriz made the arrest Melnitsky was released a short time later on his own recognizance. He will face trial on May 10 in Kirkland Town Court.

If convicted, Melnitsky could face a one to five year jail sentence, probation, a $1000 fine or a combination of the three. English said that although the investigation into the incidents over the weekend is continuing, no more arrests are expected.

The decision to charge Melnitsky with assault, stated English, was made after consultation with Oneida County Assistant District Attorney Bernidette Ormano.

In addition to facing formal charges, Melnitsky will have a Hamilton Judicial Board hearing before the end of this semester. According to Judicial Coordinator Jeff

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Rash of vandalism strikes campus during party weekend

By Gabriel Meyer '96
NEWS EDITOR

Acts of theft and vandalism were widespread across the Hamilton campus last weekend. Incidents included the theft of the goods from the Alpha Delta Phi (AD) fraternity house, broken windows in South and Carnegie Residence Halls, a broken railing outside the Burke Library, and damage to the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternity house sustained during their Saturday afternoon Gin and Juice party.

In unrelated incidents, Douglas Webber of Utica was arrested early Wednesday morning on charges of spying on students through the windows in Bundy Residence Hall. Also, a Hamilton student who left the scene of an auto accident was identified. According to Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, the student who failed to report the accident in which two parked cars were damaged, will have a Judicial Board hearing before the end of the semester.

Theft at AD

President of AD, M. Scott Havens, reported that a television and a guitar valued at approximately $800 were stolen from the fraternity house sometime Saturday evening. In addition , a fire extinguisher was also discovered missing.

No party had taken place at AD that day. Havens said that at times during the evening, unauthorized individuals had been found in the house and were asked to leave. He also noted that students from Union College were seen near the house during the evening, but he said he did not know who was responsible for the theft. A report has been filed with the Kirkland Police.

Stolen AD fire extinguisher thrown through Carnegie window

The broken window in Carnegie occurred when an unknown individual threw the fire extinguisher stolen from AD through the living room window of Area Coordinator Jeff Landry at about 1:30 Sunday morning. Landry, who lives on the first floor of Carnegie Residence Hall, said that he woke up when the incident occurred, but did not realize what had happened until the next morning.

"The frustrating part of it for me," hesaid, "is that we're going to be without a window for several weeks. The broken window will have to be custom crafted and will take several weeks before it can be installed. Landry said he did not know who was responsible for the incident.

DKE house damaged

Several members of the DKE fraternity who spoke on the condition of anonymity reported that 20 students from Union College came to their Gin and Juice party Saturday afternoon. They believe these students may be responsible for minor damage that occured throughout the house.

They also reported that the Union students were being rowdy and confrontational. They engaged in several fights which were broken up by security guards hired to monitor the party. DKE members also reported that the Union students were intentionally spilling beers on women at the party.

Peeping-tom arrested

The arrest of Douglas Webber of Utica on Wednesday morning came after Officers Duguay and Hunt of Hamilton College Safety caught Webber in the act of spying through a ground floor window in Bundy. They spotted his truck parked by

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Tobin inaugurated as Hamilton's 18th President

By Eric Gershon '97
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Eugene Marc Tobin was officially inaugurated as the Eighteenth President of Hamilton College at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. Though he had been named president by the Trustees of the college on December 4, the Inaugural Ceremony provided the first opportunity for Tobin to address the entire community since the day of his appointment. It also is an opportunity for the college to bestow upon him the symbolic relics of his office.

The Acting Dean of the Faculty and Chair of the Inauguration Committee G. Roberts Kolb commented, "As much as the inauguration will celebrate the vision of excellence that Gene Tobin has for Hamilton, we are reveling equally in the distinguished history of a great college." As symbols of his office, Tobin was presented with the original charter of the college, the Presidential Chain of Office, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

After the Induction and the Conferment of the Honorary Degree, Tobin delivered his Inaugural Address, entitled "The Reformer as President: Some Historical Reflections." Throughout his speech, he emphasized the importance of balancing the "contradictory themes of continuity and change," and developed his thesis that both respect for the accomplishments of the past and respect for the power and necessity of change are essential for the success of any institution.

Tobin refered to Hamilton's eleventh president, William Harold Cowley, as his primary example of a reform-minded leader. Cowley's changes included revisions of the curriculum, admissions requirements, construction of faculty workspace, and an expansion in the offerings of the romance languages,

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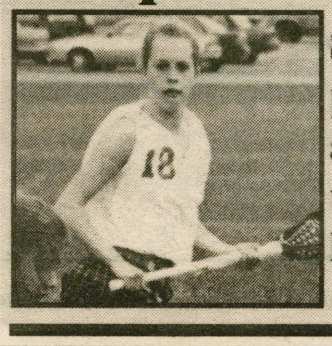

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Hamilton's financial situation still in question

Tuition increase is standard for most colleges, says Tobin

By Chris Marcisz '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As the 1993-1994 academic year ends, many members of the Hamilton community still have unanswered questions about the College's plans regarding its financial situation. More questions were raised about the recent $900 study abroad fee and the 5.3 percent tuition hike set for next year. However, top administrators of the College assure the students that things are going well, and will probably improve as the school settles into a more static and comfortable period.

According to President Eugene Tobin, the 5.3 percent tuition increase is necessary for three important reasons. One is to keep the Hamilton faculty competitive with other colleges. Another is to pay for the renovations that have been taking place recently, especially in the residence dorms. The final reason is to continue the school's ambitious plan to have the entire campus networked.

The tuition increase for next year is about standard for most colleges and universities, according to Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel O'Leary. He indicated that in the near future, the college will begin to cut back, particularly by not planning any major building projects for the next few years. The college will also be busy paying back loans that were taken out for the construction of Beinecke Village and the recent renovations, which were carefully planned by former President Hank Payne during a recession when building costs were low.

O'Leary also noted that Hamilton's operating budget for next year will amount to $56 million. This makes the actual cost of educating an individual student around $35,000 per year, or about $10,000 more than tuition.

The study abroad fee is an issue that has been given a lot of attention recently. O'Leary is quick to point out that in a study done by Middlebury College about two years ago, the majority of schools that did not charge regular tuition for going abroad had some sort of fee. Tobin sees the fee as a sort of compromise, saying that the plan works out in the best interest of those involved. He said it should not be too much of a burden on students and added that it will help alleviate the financila loss caused by the absence of about 150 students, whose spaces are not filled by tranfer students.

Discussing the future of Hamilton, President Tobin said that a lot of time will be given to strategic planning next year. The study will involve the entire community and will deal with curriculum, residential life, and the physical plant. The goal will be to come up with a five-year plan that will involve "financial, intellectual, and physical consideration." The voice of the students will be expressed through the Residential Life survey and the Student Assembly.

President Tobin said he is looking forward to the coming year, with its planning and new incoming class as "an exceptionally challenging and exciting year."

News from other Ivory Towers

—Compiled by Chris Marcisz '97

Gay studies minor approved at San Francisco State University

San Francisco State University has launched a new minor field of study entitled Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay studies, one of the first of its kind in the nation. The minor was created during the Fall 1993 term after receiving approval by the California State University administration.

"This is something that we feel should be examined," said SFSU public Affairs Officer Ted DeAdwyler. "It deserves a place alongside other ethnic studies programs, and is something that should be studied in an academic setting." John DeCecco, an SFSU Professor of Psychology and Human Sexual Studies, is coordinating the new program. (NSNS)

Virginia Service Organization offers Integration Grant Program

Organizers at the Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League (VA COOL) have announced a 1994-1995 Integration Grant Program in which grants from $1,000 to $10,000 will be awarded to educational institutions or non-profit organizations that implement projects which "expand student participation in high-quality, sustainable community service programs." (NSNS)

Students vote for co-ed bathrooms at Rice University

Dormitory residents at Rice University in Houston recently voted to convert the men's bathrooms on some floors, and women's bathrooms on others, into co-ed bathrooms. Although the change was approved, some students expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome of the secret balloting. (NSNS)

Williams College announces tuition increase for next year

The Board of Trustees of Williams College has approved a 4.8% increase in student charges for the coming academic year. This raises the cost of tuition to $25,560. (The Williams Record)

Fights mar weekend parties

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Landry, penalties can range from social probation to expulsion.

An internal investigation of the incident is continuing at Hamilton, said Director of College Safety Pat Ingalls. Statemeants so far have been taken from a large numberof students.

English said the incident in question occurred inside the DU house when Melnitsky and others engaged in an altercation with several other students as they were moving a sofa from the second to the first floor of the house. Otis responded to the incident and attempted to disperse the students when Melnitsky attacked him. Students separated the two of them at the peak of the fight.

Alcohol may have played a role in the incident, said English. He noted that Melnitsky was wearing an identification provided by Alcohol Liability Services, the provider of alcoholic beverages at the party.

The incident at DU was not the only fight that occurred during the course of the weekend. Several other minor scuffles broke out at DKE during the annual Gin and Juice party. Those disturbances were quelled by security officers monitoring the location.

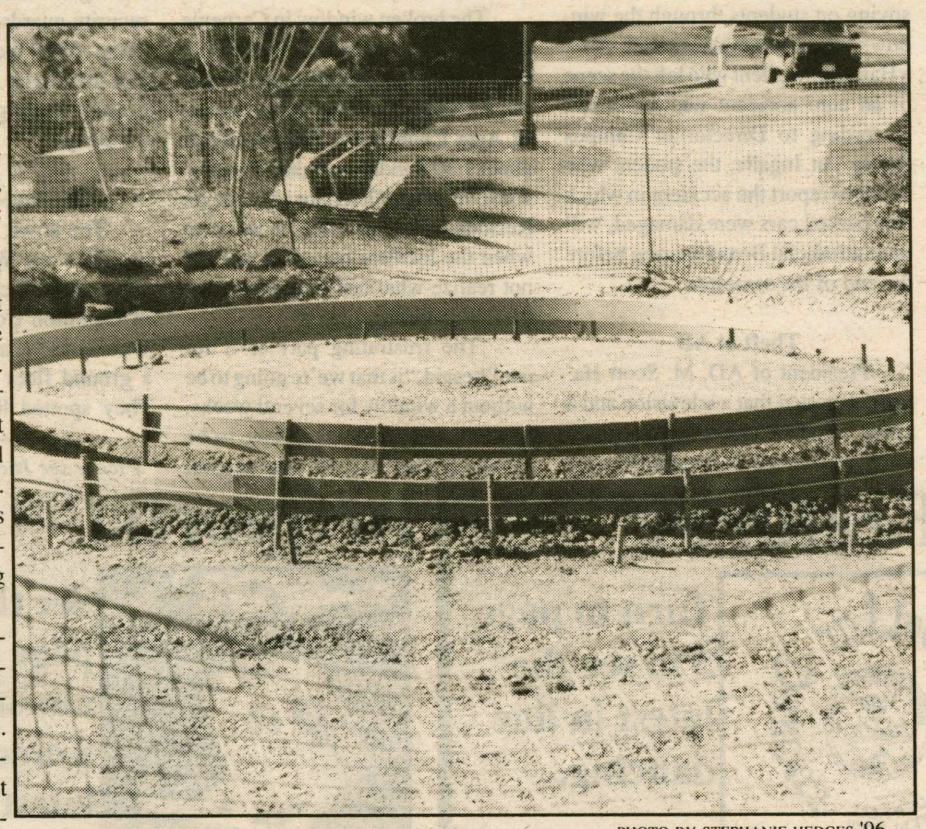
Both parties had alcoholic beverages provided by Alcohol Liability Services of Syracuse. This company is responsible for catering most Hamilton fraternity parties and works in conjunction with Northern Security which provided security services at both parties.

Later in the evening, following the end of the Clam Bake at DU, the DKE party was forced to move to Commons Dining Hall when it began to rain. During the setup there, a fight broke out on Commons' porch involving both Hamilton and Union College students who were attending the party.

Ingalls stated that College security was called to respond to the incident. However, only three officers were on duty at the time, two of whom were busy responding to a medical emergency on the south side of campus. With only one officer available, the Kirkland police were contacted. They came a short time later and dispersed the crowd, ending the party.

Several members of DKE who asked not to be identified, said they felt that the twenty students who came from Union College were responsible for the many fights. They expressed hope that in the future, there will be no reccurrence of the incidents last weekend. They conceded, however, that it is impossible to exclude a small number of troublesome students from a large, outdoor, gathering like the party last weekend.

Director of Student Activities Beverly Low said that she will be meeting with fraternity members at the beginning of next semester to discuss their social policies. "We need to have a better plan for social events," she commented.



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This hole in the ground will be the site of a bronze map of the campus.

Wild weekend of events on the Hill

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Bundy and blocked the exit to College Hill Road with their own vehicle. They observed Webber until the Kirkland Police came to place him under arrest.

Ingalls said that complaints of the peeping-tom were first received last fall. After several months of no complaints, a student reported seeing him last week. Notices of his presence were posted in residence halls and security officers were notified to remain on alert for him. Webber's arrest came several days later.

Hit and run accident

In the hit and run accident, the student responsible has been identified and will face a Judicial Board hearing. Two parked cars were damaged in the incident.

Ingalls said a large number of incidents may be attributable to the large number of students from other colleges, including those from Union College, on the Hamilton campus during the weekend. Many of them were here to attend the Gin and Juice party held at DKE and the Clam Bake at DU.

"People may forget that they are responsible for their guests," said Ingalls. She noted that the campus was strewn with broken bottles at the end of the weekend which Physical Plant had to pick up.

Ingalls said that she could not recall this many incidents occurring in a 24 hour time frame duirng her tenure at Hamilton.

President Eugene Tobin responded to this weekend's events commenting ing the administration "will be looking carefully at incoming reports" and that there will be "an exhaustive study." He went on to describe the incidents as "unfortunate" and as having "no place on a college campus."

Ingalls added that there will be additional patrols on duty this coming weekend, though she said that this is not a result of last weekend's' events.

Dr. William Kristol lectures on the end of liberalism

By Elizabeth Bliemel '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

"When I agreed to speak at Hamilton College, I didn't realize I would be leaving Washington D.C. to come to *Clinton*, New York," joked Dr. William Kristol as he gave his lecture entitled "The End of Liberalism" Tuesday night in the chapel.

Kristol served as Chief of Staff to Vice President Dan Quayle, from 1989 to 1993 and as The Chief of Staff to Education Secretary, William Bennett, from 1985 to 1988. He has taught at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has published writings in the *Chicago Law Review* and *Public Interest*.

Kristol stated that liberals dominate the media, educational institutions, Hollywood, and the political world. He proclaimed the Clinton victory in 1992 to be the "capstone on the triumph of liberalism." He said that liberalism was at the time considered the wave of the future. He even conceded that at one point, conservatives knew that history was progressing towards the left.

Kristol emphasized that liberalism is now over. He proclaimed that ironically at the peak of victory liberalism waned because the American people discovered that the dreams liberalism offered were "bankrupt" and "hollow." He insisted that the Clinton administration is too weak to restore the hope and confidence people need.

Kristol used political correctness as an example of liberalism failures. He said that the left cannot win an argument so they resort to blocking their opponents. They feel they have to "indoctrinate opposed to convincing or persuading" people.

He also cited several statistics, which he claimed, prove that the American people are unhappy with the Clinton administration. Kristol made reference to polls indicating that a majority of Americans would rather have lower taxes and fewer government services. Healso reiterated the belief that government tends to make things worse rather than better.

Using Hillary Clinton's own words, "We are in a crisis of meaning," he claimed that the present administration lacks confidence. He told his audience that this statement shows a deep sense of doubt among liberals today.

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Dr. William Kristol

In order to pass legislation and be accepted by the American people, Kristol said it is imperative that Clinton must act like a conservative. He told his audience to examine issues such as foreign policy, crime, and education. He said that no one talks about sharing hopes and dreams in peaceful United Nations conferences, or is concerned with the preventive side of crime, or even open classrooms, and new math to challenge youth. He suggested that these ideas are outdated and the American people already know they will not work.

Kristol said that even affirmative action, a widely supported liberal idea has not been a success. He noted that the institution of quotas and other token measures have only "inflamed race relations". He questioned what has happened to the virtues taught by the late Martin Luther King Jr. who said that people should be judged by the "content of their character, not by the color of their skin."

Kristol compared liberalism to communism in Eastern Europe in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He said that the Soviet Union looked scary and aggressive to Americans. But once communism was at its peak, it was seen as hollow and weak. President Ronald Reagan said that the United States would not "contain communism, but transcend it." Those who grew up in the era of communism, know how fleeting the height of these types of political victories can be, he said. He continued, stating how like communism, liberalism has reached its high water mark and at the moment of its greatest victory is beginning its decline.

Kristol stated his belief that conservatives can gain a strong foothold in politics today and commented, "Their future could be quite bright."

Tobin emphasizes the importance of continuity and change in speech

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and the arts and sciences. Many of these changes are still in effect today. Yet Cowley's radicalism alienated "a significant portion of the faculty." Cowley resigned in October of 1944, six years after his inauguration.

Tobin said, "The president of a college is not the only leader. I believe that the moral and educational authority of this College flows from the faculty and the intellectual nature of our endeavor. I understand that it is the prerogative of a faculty to challenge, to question, to reconsider, and, always, to take the long view. But I also expect that the Hamilton faculty, once convinced of the clarity, direction, and soundness of a community-centered vision, will join me, along with our students, staff, parents, and alumni, in supporting the bold, innovative, entrepreneurial steps necessary to secure Hamilton's national reputation for academic excellence."

He also stated, "To our students, I would offer an observation and a pledge. You are the most sensitive barometer of campus life. You should register your enthusiasms, preferences, and constructive criticisms, mindful of, but not limited by, custom and tradition. Though your four years here are shortlived, this will always be your college. I promise to listen carefully to your concerns and to respond as thoughtfully as I can to your suggestions."

Although there were over 900 people assembled for the ceremony, there was a disappointingly low turnout of students at the weekend's events.

Tobin, who graduated from Rutgers University in 1968, and received his master's degree in 1970 and Ph.D. degrees from Brandeis University in 1972, commented on the Homeric journey that led him to Hamilton: "My personal employment odyssey as a visiting assistant professor of history took me to Jersey City, New Jersey; Kutztown, Pennsylvania; Oxford, Ohio; and Bloomington, Indiana...when I received the offer [from Hamilton] of a tenure-track appointment, I called my parents and told them that they could finally write our address in ink in the telephone directory."

News Briefs

Student election results

On Thursday student elections were held. The results are as follows: for the class of '95, the Class Representatives are Kelly Dietz, Pat Kenny, Sarah Qutb, Rusty Smith, Beth Mahoney. The Honor Court Representative is Sarah Williard and the Judicial board Representative is Jim Morehead.

For the class of '96, the Class Representatives are Whitney Ashbridge, Amanda Jenks, Andy Singer, Karen Sweeney, Usman Ahmad. There was a problem with the Judicial board elections which has been rescheduled for next year. The Secretary/Treasure is Matt Outten.

For the class of '97, the Class Representatives are Marcus Johnson, Monica Redstone, Christie Reed, Michael Sklansky, and Molly Soule. The Secretary/Treasurer is Mills Chapman and the Judiciary board members are Amanda R. Locke and Kurt Shotzberger. The Judicial board revisions did not pass.

Louise Peckingham appointed Assistant to the President

On Thursday, President Tobin announced the appointment of Louise Peckingham to the position of Assistant to the President. Having served as Secretary to the Dean of the Faculty and, more recently, as Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Peckingham "knows the many constituencies of the Hamilton community extremely well," said Tobin in a memorandum to the Hamilton community. Tobin said Peckingham "will bring wisdom, integrity, sensitivity, and judiciousness to her new responsibilities."

Honorary degrees to be given at Commencement ceremony

The government's top lawyer, a world famous jazz musician, the president of a major university in the northwest, and the chairwoman of the Museum of Modern Art are among the six people who will receive honorary degrees during the Commencement ceremony at Hamilton College on Sunday, May 22. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

Approximately 490 students will receive bachelor's degrees during the ceremony that marks the end of the college's 182nd academic year. U.S. Solicitor General Drew Days III '63 will deliver the Commencement address.

In addition to Days (Doctor of Laws) and Hendrix (Doctor of Humane Letters), honorary degrees will be presented to Oregon State University President John V. Byrne (Doctor of Laws), Museum of Modern Art chairwoman Agnes Gund (Doctor of Humane Letters), noted archeologist and educator Lucy Shoe Meritt (Doctor of Humane Letters), and world famous jazz artist George Shearing (Doctor of Music).

New Residential Life Committee forms

President Tobin recently advised the Hamilton community that Chairman of the Board of Trustees J. Carter Bacot has announced the formation of the new Residential Life Committee.

On the Committee there are: 10 trustees—Susan Annich, Christina Carroll, Gerald Dirvin, Jane Fraser, Lee Garcia, Silas Keehn, Howard Schneider, Thomas Schwarz, Chairman of the Committee Stuart Scott, and Nancy Ferguson Seeley; two faculty members—Associate Professor of English Patricia O'Neill and Assistant Professor of Chemistry George Raiche; one administrator—Dean of Students Jan Coates; and two students—McLloyd Onwubere '95 and Callie Soeldner-Prim '96.

According to a memorandum from Tobin, the Committee will begin its work in June at the Board of Trustees meeting. He said he is confident that the campus community will be kept fully informed of the Committee's progress.

Writing Center announces new tutors

The Writing Center has announced its new writing tutors for the 1994-95 academic year. They are, beginning work in the fall semester, Marsha Drummond '96; Tim Fox '96; Maggie Garrett '96; Justin Harberson '96; Jackie Keegan '95; Samantha Koss '95; Monica Redstone '97; Molly Soule '97; Peter Soule '96; Kim Torres '97; and, joining the staff in the spring semester, Jennifer Collins '96 and Kara Stanek '96.

These tutors will join the continuing staff of Basem Aly '95, Carolyn Antonio '95, Ezra Baylin '96, Bonnie Carr '95, Ann Crothers '96, Kristen Eignor '95, Rebecca Kemnitz '95, Whitney Martin '95, Nick Mastrocinque '95, Ted Monoson '95, Mike Olivo '95, Jeannine Reynolds '95, Jeff Spahn '95, and Will Whitman '95.

Weekend Weather

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Sunday: partly cloudy, high 65, low 60

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Death toll highest in centuries
First-years suspected of MURDER

By Amy Grey '97
FEATURES CO-EDITOR

It is midnight in Root Dormitory. As the occupants of room 200 sit quietly discussing the day's events over a suspense filled game of Sega Hockey, a knock sounds at the door.

Jumping soundlessly to his feet, one of the men rushes to the door. The others watch in silence.

"Who's there," he demands in a hushed tone.

"Ed," — the muffled reply.

"What's the password?"

"The fat man walks and the falcon has landed," replies the voice. Inside the room all is still.

"Where is the chicken," counters the man inside. The voice answers with confidence.

"The chicken is over Denver." The door is opened, and a man rushes in, slams the door behind him, and locks it securely. Standing with his back to the door, he looks into the silent eyes that watch him...

Have the men of Hamilton College gone crazy? Is wide-spread paranoia twisting the minds of the students on the Hill? Well, it's possible, but in actuality, the men in this story were only taking precautions necessary to stay alive. In fact, these men are not alone, for the lives of almost 400 Hamilton students have been repeatedly threatened over the past two weeks. What is most terrifying is that the murderous threat came from other students here at Hamilton, not some outside evil.

Luckily, the danger has passed. The sudden blood-lust has been satiated, and the campus is back to normal. What could have caused such the students here on the Hill to suddenly turn against, to attack and to terrorize one another? (No, it wasn't a poster, it wasn't anything said in the Daily Bull and it wasn't even a flyer placed on a dining room table). It was in fact... MURDER!

For the past two weeks the members of the freshman class have been lurking in dark corners, hiding themselves away in friends' rooms, and coldly stalking each other in desperate attempts to kill their friends and neighbors with out being killed themselves away in friends' rooms, and coldly stalking each other in desperate attempts to kill their friends and neighbors without being killed themselves. . . all to win a game. The Murder Game has come to Hamilton College.

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Sponsored by the freshman class, the game was intended to be a fund raiser as well as an exciting activity to unite the class. But the players soon forgot that they had just paid their dollar to get the guy with the list of names out of their room as they became caught up in the excitement of the game. Playing commenced at 1:00 a.m. on Monday April 18 and in that first night dozens of unsuspecting or careless players were killed.

In the two weeks that followed, the careless and less enthusiastic players were weeded out as their crafty and determined opponents made kill after kill. The players that learned how to work in and around the rules were most successful. Kills were made by some of the more vicious players in broad daylight.

The most exciting playing occurred during Psycho Hour however. Every night between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. the players went crazy, and for one hour no rules applied. It was during these hours that precautions like the ones taken by the men of Root 200 were desperately needed. Murderers could walk into closed rooms, kill people in their sleep, and even commit murder to people in the bathroom or shower! No place was safe, and no one was to be trusted.

Luckily the only murder weapons allowed in the game were special red index cards. Each player was given a green "Lifeline" card with their name on it, to be relinquished upon their murder, and a red "Opponent" card which was their weapon. To make a kill, the player had to get their opponent alone and show them the red card with their name on it. The murdered player was then required to give up both their green card, and their red card naming the next person for the murder to kill. The person at the end of the game with the most green cards would win.

The end of the game came at 1:00 a.m. this Monday morning, and by Wednesday the surviving players had to turn in all of their green cards. The winners will be announced this coming Monday.

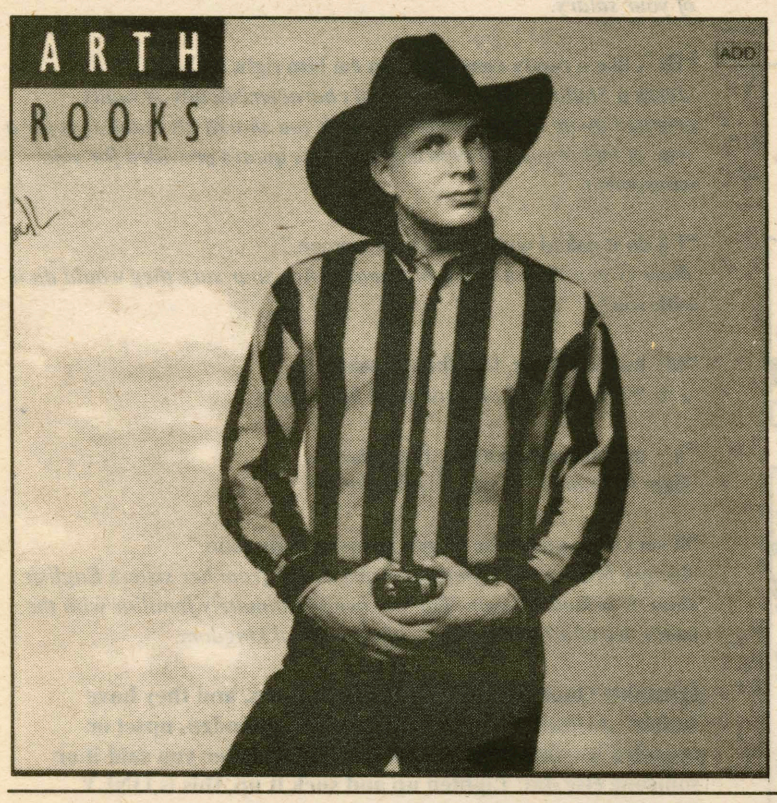
The winner will receive $50 and the runner-up will receive $20, with a third place prize of $10. Judging by the amount of participation, The Murder Game appears to have been one of the years most successful class activities.

Grab Garth, lasso a partner . . .
And two step towards the door

By Audrey Weiner '96
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

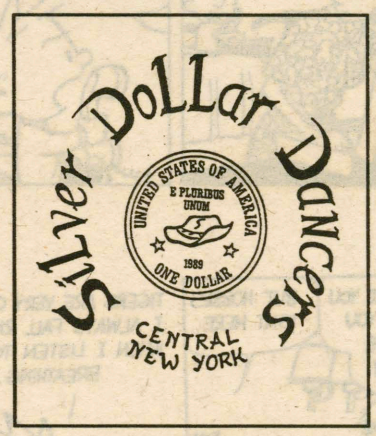
"And one, two, and three, STOMP, five, six, turn and clap!" These calls were made as about thirty-five would-be cowboys and cowgirls shuffled, stamped, and kicked their way across the dance floor at the Nothin' Fancy Country Addition, a bar in Vernon. Tuesday night is country line dance night, and the moves of the evening included the Indian Runner and an intermediate two-step.

The Nothin' Fancy Country Addition, located across the street from a Livestock Exchange, is a converted warehouse decorated in a quaint barn motif. The walls are covered with tools and western relics, and the television behind the bar is tuned in to country music videos.



As six Hamilton students entering the Country Addition, we could not have looked more out of place. Even those of us who wore cowboy boots under the pretense of fitting in quickly realized that blending would require much more than western footwear. We were suddenly aware of our Gap jeans; everyone else was sporting Wranglers. There were many cowboy hats, string ties, and other such country western accessories, and absolutely everybody had cowboy boots. The die hard country couples even wore matching outfits. We received many curious but not unfriendly glances as we entered the bar. It was obvious we were first timers. However, we were quickly made to feel welcome. "We obviously felt out of place there, but within the first few minutes, everybody came over to talk to us and make us feel at home," said Susie Paul '96, first time line dancer.

We were a little late, so we watched the line dance already in progress and signed up for the lessons. The instructors consisted of a couple, about fifty years old, who had been teaching country dancing for fifteen years. They were patient and quick to praise and reassure uncertain beginners such as ourselves. Our first lesson was the very basic two step. We practiced the sequence alone for a little while before pairing off. After a few spins around the room, the beginners sat down and twelve of the more experienced couples remained to learn various turns and twirls. We were very impressed, having had trouble simply moving backwards without bumping into anything, never mind spinning backwards.



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Then came the real fun, and the main reason most of the people were there. The crowd on the dance floor thickened, and four uneven lines formed. We were about to be taught the Indian Runner, which we learned to our dismay was one of the more difficult dances, and certainly not the best to begin with. But the friendly and relaxed faces around us eased our anxiety, and we began to have fun. The instructors broke the dance down and repeated the steps until they were sure everyone got them. By the time we put it to music, we were able to do the Indian Runner with minimal difficulties. All of a sudden the fact that we didn't have cowboy hats on didn't matter. Like all of the regulars and more experienced country line dancers, we were doing the Indian Runner.

The lesson ended, and although some stayed to dance for a while longer, we had to leave. Everybody bid us farewell like old friends and invited us back for the live band on Friday. We headed back to the familiarity of Hamilton, just ten minutes from the Nothin' Fancy Country Addition, feeling like we were travelling hundreds of miles from the heart of the country.

Line dancing lessons are every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Friday nights feature line dancing to live country music. Three dollars covers lessons and the cover charge.

So next time you find yourself complaining about how bored you are or wishing for a new and different social opportunity, put on your cowboy boots and head to the Nothin' Fancy Country Addition for a night of country dancin'!

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

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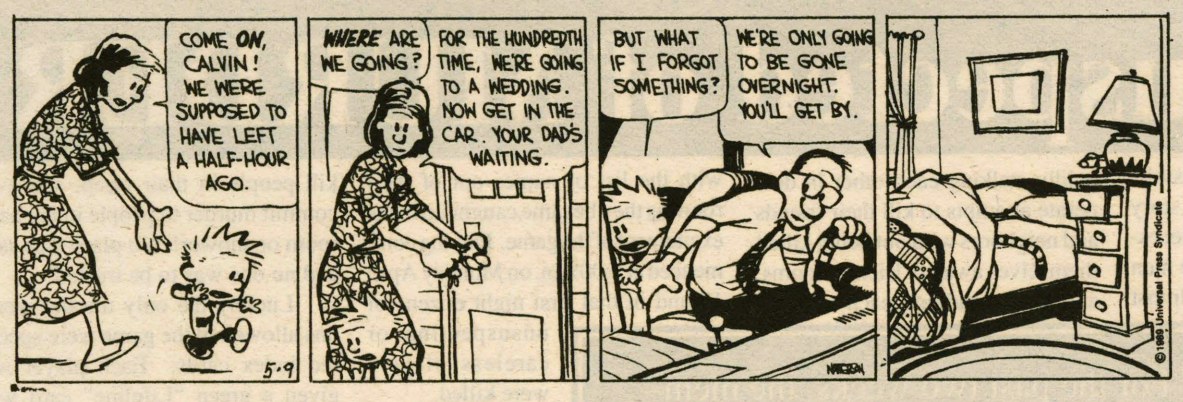
COME ON, CALVIN! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEFT A HALF-HOUR AGO.
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WHERE ARE WE GOING?
FOR THE HUNDREDTH TIME, WE'RE GOING TO A WEDDING. NOW GET IN THE CAR. YOUR DAD'S WAITING.
BUT WHAT IF I FORGOT SOMETHING?
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE OVERNIGHT. YOU'LL GET BY.
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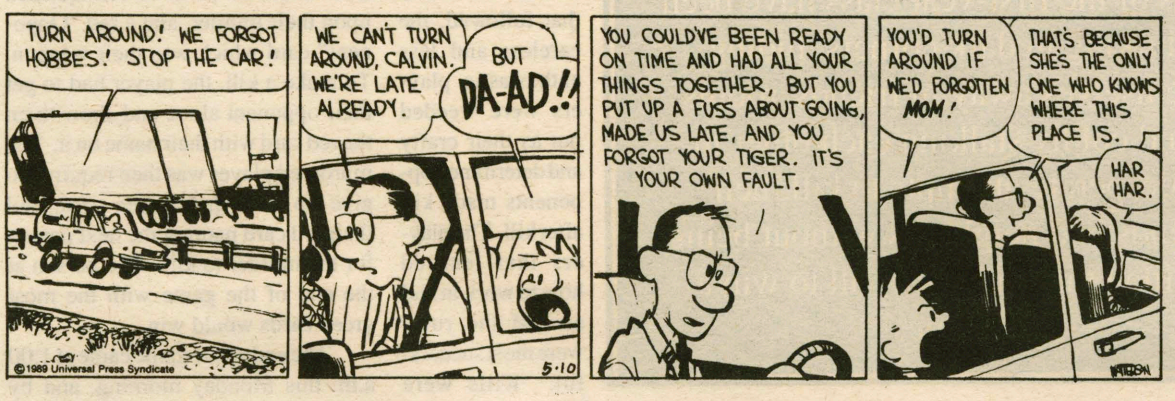
TURN AROUND! WE FORGOT HOBBES! STOP THE CAR!
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WE CAN'T TURN AROUND, CALVIN. WE'RE LATE ALREADY.
BUT DA-AD!!
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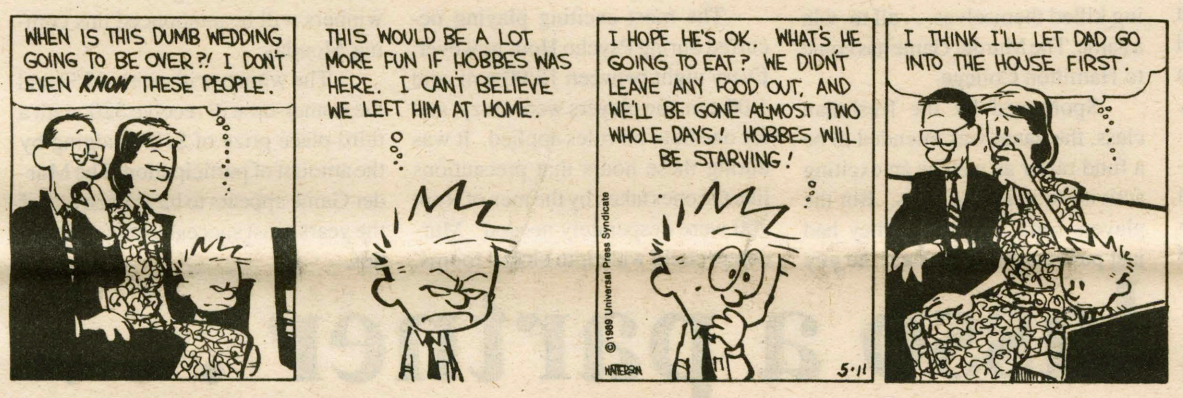
YOU COULD'VE BEEN READY ON TIME AND HAD ALL YOUR THINGS TOGETHER, BUT YOU PUT UP A FUSS ABOUT GOING, MADE US LATE, AND YOU FORGOT YOUR TIGER. IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT.
YOU'D TURN AROUND IF WE'D FORGOTTEN MOM!
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHERE THIS PLACE IS.
HAR HAR.


WHEN IS THIS DUMB WEDDING GOING TO BE OVER?! I DON'T EVEN KNOW THESE PEOPLE.
THIS WOULD BE A LOT MORE FUN IF HOBBES WAS HERE. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE LEFT HIM AT HOME.
I HOPE HE'S OK. WHAT'S HE GOING TO EAT? WE DIDN'T LEAVE ANY FOOD OUT, AND WE'LL BE GONE ALMOST TWO WHOLE DAYS! HOBBES WILL BE STARVING!
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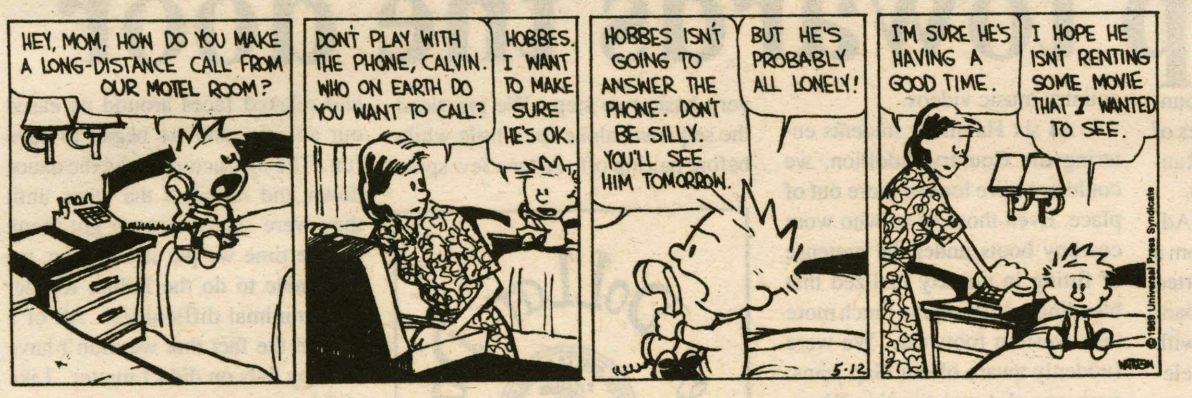
I THINK I'LL LET DAD GO INTO THE HOUSE FIRST.


HEY, MOM, HOW DO YOU MAKE A LONG-DISTANCE CALL FROM OUR MOTEL ROOM?
DON'T PLAY WITH THE PHONE, CALVIN. WHO ON EARTH DO YOU WANT TO CALL?
HOBBES. I WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S OK.
HOBBES ISN'T GOING TO ANSWER THE PHONE. DON'T BE SILLY. YOU'LL SEE HIM TOMORROW.
BUT HE'S PROBABLY ALL LONELY!
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I'M SURE HE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME.
I HOPE HE ISN'T RENTING SOME MOVIE THAT I WANTED TO SEE.
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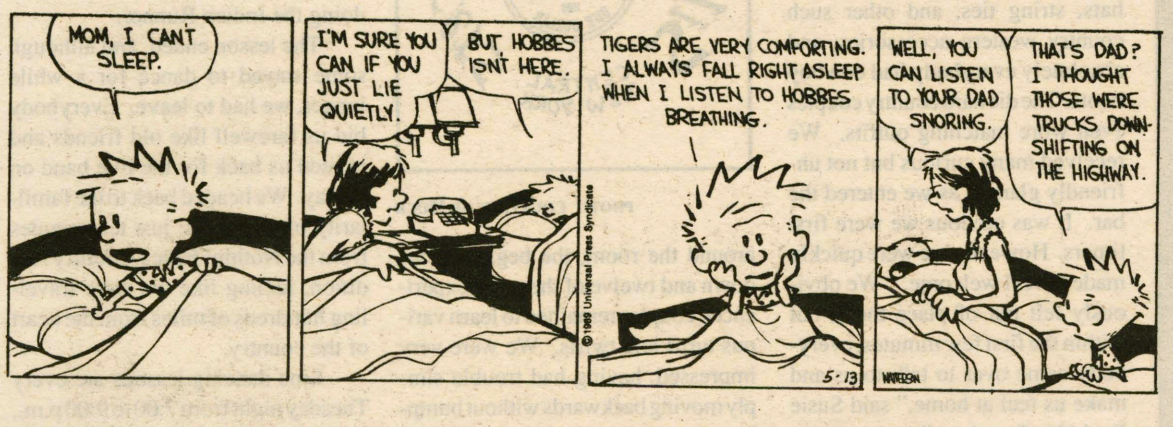
MOM, I CAN'T SLEEP.
I'M SURE YOU CAN IF YOU JUST LIE QUIETLY.
BUT HOBBES ISN'T HERE.
TIGERS ARE VERY COMFORTING. I ALWAYS FALL RIGHT ASLEEP WHEN I LISTEN TO HOBBES BREATHING.
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WELL, YOU CAN LISTEN TO YOUR DAD SNORING.
THAT'S DAD? I THOUGHT THOSE WERE TRUCKS DOWN-SHIFTING ON THE HIGHWAY.

WELL, WE'RE FINALLY HOME!
HOORAY! NOW I GET TO SEE HOBBES!
BOY, I DIDN'T THINK WE'D EVER GET HOME. THE WHOLE TRIP WAS ONE LONG COMPLAINT ABOUT LEAVING HOBBES BEHIND.
NEXT TIME WE SHOULD TAKE THE TIGER AND FORGET THE KID.
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GOSH, IT'S DRAFTY IN HERE...
THE WINDOW'S SMASHED! LOOK AT THE GLASS!
SOMEBODY BROKE IN!!
HOBBES! FIND HOBBES!
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QUOTABLE QUOTES

Geoff Trukenbrod

"Just come here and feel all this hair on my legs."
-Sarah McNeilly '96 to Trevor Nardini '94. Kinky but not that tempting.

"I get really annoyed when I can't get my clothes off."
-Heather Creely '96 complaining about a pair of wet jeans.

"It would be kind of weird to be a hermaphrodite . . . it would be kind of fun though."
-Deirdre Heersink '96 on confusion and self-reflection.

"Needless to say, my beaver has taken up permanent residence at Psi U, and I'm not sure I want it back, since its probably all wet and sloppy."
-Meghan Kelleher '94 after Sandy the Psi Upsilon dog snatched a stuffed animal off of her bed and ran off with it. Don't worry, I can't bring myself to comment on this one.

"Hey, Nice beaver!"
-Rebecca Toomey '97 to Sandy the Psi U dog on the aforementioned stuffed animal. P.S. To all you suckers, the quotes are always real, but this is just one of many fabricated names. (i.e. Rebecca Egan '96.)

"In America, left is right, and right is wrong."
-Stoyko Nikolov '96 on directions and the ambiguities of the modern American political arena.

"His hands went places only toilet paper should go."
-Sarah Kanwit '95 commenting on her friend's recent activities on the dance floor. Which is dirtier, his hands or your mind?

"Oh my god, condoms are falling down my pants."
-Sarah McNeilly '96, again for being so cocky about staying out of Quotable Quotes. I hear that condom thing happens a lot to you.

"If Psi U has a lock-in Friday night, that means that I'm locked-out!"
-Anonymous Junior female on her recent "sleeping" habits.

"The only time I've ever been to Philadelphia was when I was little to see that stupid cracked bell!"
-Gretel Porcaro '95 on Philadelphia tourism. You must be a History major, huh?

"Just crash the barbeque. Everybody will think somebody else invited you."
-The ELS cook to a fraternity brother. Now that meal is coming out of your salary.

"He's like a candy cane, you can eat him right up."
-Jessica Shalom '96 with her final characteristically sexually oriented quote of this column. I think you should all thank Jess for a year of humorous and typically tasteless quotes provided for your amusement.

"I'd do it naked with a bunch of women."
-Kate Green '96 on being in a sauna. Are your sure they would do it with you?

"My butt is square, for Christ's sake!"
-Jim Washburn '94 on geometric body parts.

"It's my business to know Freshman."
-Kate O'Rourke '94 on . . . prospects?

"It sucks big goat - the largest penis to body ratio."
-Ginger Martin '95 repeating a discussion from her sisters English class. It is kind of scary that you are so intimately familiar with the penis size of all the members of the animal kingdom.

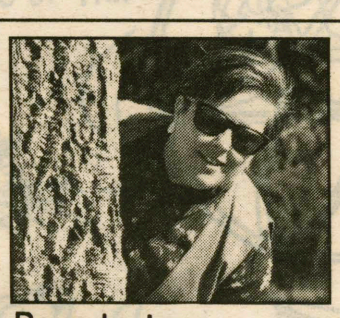
Quotable Quotes have been funny at times, and they have sucked at times. For everyone who was offended, upset or appalled by something in this column, whether you said it or someone else did: Lighten up and suck it up, this is ONLY Quotable Quotes! To everyone else, it has been fun and enjoy this place while you can.

Attitudes

The Spectator May 6, 1994

All I really need to know I learned in ten months on the Hill

Since the hectic nature of my job allows me little time for creative writing, let alone the luxury of an original thought, I have shamelessly modeled my column on Robert Fulghum's essay on the lessons learned in kindergarten. Reflecting on the past ten months, I would classify my approach to the Director of Student Activities position as a pragmatic one, full of jump-in-hands-on-down-in-the-trenches-hit-the-ground-running-late-night-meeting-reality-checking-butt-kicking-learning-living-laughing-eating-sleeping-breathing opportunities to gain a better understanding of the student population and the campus culture in general. Several portions of the following include direct quotes. Here is what I have learned:



Beverly Low
Champion of the Masses

Share everything.
Particularly your vend-a-card, masking tape, pens, telephone, magic markers, umbrella, Kleenex, and Fig Newtons.

It's okay to say "I don't know," particularly when you open a brand new $5 million facility 27 days after you land on campus.
"Where are the sprinklers for the sprinkler system?"
I don't know.
"Who picked out the furniture?"
I don't know.
"Why are only six out of ten jukeboxes working?"

I don't know.
"How long will the power be out?"
I don't know.
"Who's going to clean the dome window in the Events Barn?"
I don't know.
"Why aren't there any bathrooms on the Diner side?"
I don't know.
"Is it ever going to stop snowing?"
I don't know.

Play fair.
Be human. Be real. You will earn the trust of even the most skeptical student.
Never ask someone to do something you would not be willing to do yourself.
Include everyone you can in everything you do.
Admit your mistakes.

Coffee is definitely the fifth food group.
Sarah, I swear I'll get you an industrial-size Green Mountain Coffee Roasters mug before you graduate. I promise!

Don't hit people.
*"No, you don't understand. I am locked **IN** my apartment! The deadbolt broke off in my hand. I'm trapped inside. Can someone please come down and let me out?"*
"Urgent. Call Simon Tassano (Shawn Colvin's partner and sound technician) the minute you get in. Major concerns about the sound and hospitality requirements. Sound booth in Wellin is no good–wants sound board in hall. He's called five times."

Clean up your own mess.
"The Jitney is disgusting. I feel like I'm driving a shit-mobile. Can someone please clean it?"
"This morning, the cleaning ladies found seven used condoms stuffed under the cushions of the couch in the fireplace lounge in the Village."
"Who ended up cleaning the chunks of projectile vomit off the first floor stairwell during Pub Night?"

Never, ever, ever run out of Jolly Rancher Candy in your office.
Assorted Handfuls: Yance Ford
Strawberry: Lisa Chan
Grape: Lanethea Matthews
"I ate so many of them I made myself sick."
Peach: Eric Ritvo
Watermelon: Rich Sullivan
"I can't believe there's no watermelon in this batch! I'm writing to the company!"
Apple: Tracey Plowell
Random Crunch: Gabe Unger
Lemon: Andrew Edelson
"It's yellow and it has sugar in it."
Cherry: Amy Little
"Hey, where are all the red ones?"
Orange: Jen Lotufo

Don't take things that aren't yours.
"I was pretty sure this one guy was stealing stuff from off the line in the Diner so I stopped him and asked what he had under his jacket. A few bags of chips fell out, and then he pulled out a whole loaf of bread. It was ridiculous!"
"I came into work, looked up to check the time, and the clock was gone. Someone stole it right off the wall by the (Village) information desk."
"Those runners in the basement of Bristol must turn into magic carpets at night because three of them have flown right out the back door."

Always be nice to Physical Plant folks.
They run the place.

Wash your hands before you eat.
"I had my list of things to do written on my hand, but I had to wash pots tonight."
Jen, by the time you graduate, I'm gonna' have you carrying a Day Timer!

Flush.
"The men's room by the Events Barn was really flooded. Someone flushed a bed sheet down the toilet."
(Author's Note: This is quite possibly the most amazing thing I have witnessed in my entire 31 years on the planet. And people say there is nothing to do on campus.)

Live a balanced life–learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
Yeah, right.

Be aware of wonder.
"Last night, after the blizzard, people were jumping off the bridge into two feet of snow."
I wonder ...

Make a difference.
"There are one hundred excuses not to do something and dozens of road blocks, but there is always a way to get it done. It only takes one person to alter the face of a campus and a community." – Meisel and Scatliff
Be that person.

Coffee is definitely the fifth food group

Hamilton is a very special place

Well, here it is— the long awaited (although most likely by no one but myself) final *Spectator* article of my collegiate career. Don't worry, it's certainly not going to be the typical sicky-sweet reminiscence about my halcyon college days. Not by any means. Although there will be a few thank you's...

To begin with, a very sincere thank you to the Hamilton College faculty. When all is said and done, I appreciate being challenged and having the opportunity to see hard work pay off. I realize that I will not always have that sort of satisfaction as I move into the professional world, and I must express my gratitude for your determination not to let your students off easily.

Actually, now that I think of it, thank you to everyone who has challenged me during my Hamilton career. I came here thinking that I was one of the most open-minded people on earth, and discovered to my horror that like everyone who grows up in this society, I had classist, racist, sexist, and heterosexist prejudices imbedded in my character. Thank you for making me realize what I need to fight within myself, as well as what I need to combat in the world around me.

Mary Kate LeCam
Inquiry

Thank you, as well, to the people who made it possible for me to hear inspiring speakers like bell hooks, Cherrie Moraga, George McGovern, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Nadine Strossen, just to name a few. There is something really exciting about being able to sit in an intellectually charged atmosphere listening to the eloquent words of intelligent, inspired, and provocative individuals. Even if, at times, they made me uncomfortable, it was well worth it.

For the most part, people at Hamilton, whether they be students, faculty, or administration, have opened my eyes to a great deal I was previously unaware of. Unfortunately, some of what I have seen since, I wish I never had. For ex-

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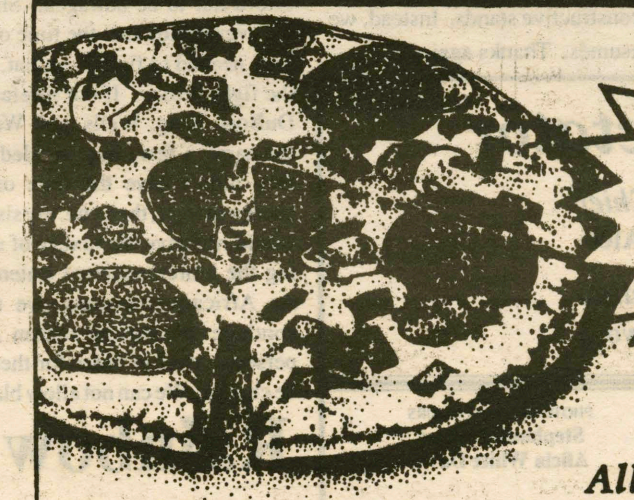

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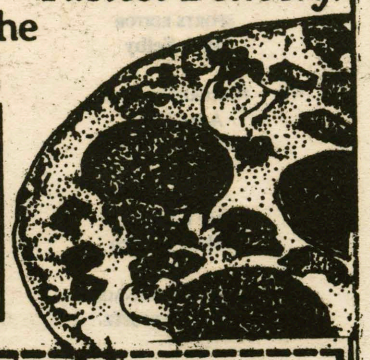

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EDITORIAL

Thanks Student Assembly...

As the year ends, it is sad that our final editorial must end on a negative note. We tried to give it a chance, but we feel that Student Assembly's blatant disregard of our most pressing needs should not go by unchecked.

In January, the Onwubere term began and with it, much energy to improve Hamilton. In the past semester, what drastic changes have occurred?

First, a new bureaucratic system was implemented into Student Assembly. This new system serves to allow every member of Student Assembly to chair a committee. This new system helps the student body by allowing everyone on Student Assembly to fill their resumé. Well, we are extremely happy that our "student leaders" can now have a filled resumé with nice titles rather than a blank sheet.

Second, this past semester has seen many important issues face the student body. The $900 administrative fee, the crisis with the off-campus lottery, and a concerted effort to squelch all school spirit at hockey games to name a few. Instead of taking the lead in coming up with solutions on these important issues, Student Assembly gives us...a better parking policy.

Let's examine this helpful parking policy. Two points stick out at once. First, security will now have to monitor six lots. They have enough trouble patrolling two sides of campus right now; logic denotes that tripling the enforcement areas will create a chaotic situation. Second, by making this parking lottery based on housing numbers, Student Assembly is telling some poor sophomore that not only will they get the housing that was left over, but they will also not be allowed to have a car on campus because all of the spaces were filled. Oh, to be in the Class of '97 with number 430. Again, the student body thanks Student Assembly.

Third, Student Assembly is examining the new role of resident advisors under the new alcohol policy. In that the R.A.s are liaisons between the administration and the students, the Office of Residential Life spends a great deal of time analyzing the work of all R.A.s. Since the change in the alcohol policy, the R.A.s seem to be operating just fine. Besides the fact that this committee is completely redundant to the role of Residential Life, why are these students allowed to examine anything? This is just another example of the meddlesome nature of Student Assembly.

The ability to govern ourselves is one which should not be taken lightly. Unfortunately, Student Assembly is a haven for those students wishing to fill their resumé and massage their egos without giving the student body anything in return. The student body gave our representatives a blank check with which to change Hamilton and make constructive stands. Instead, we are paid with a parking policy and filled resumés. Thanks again.

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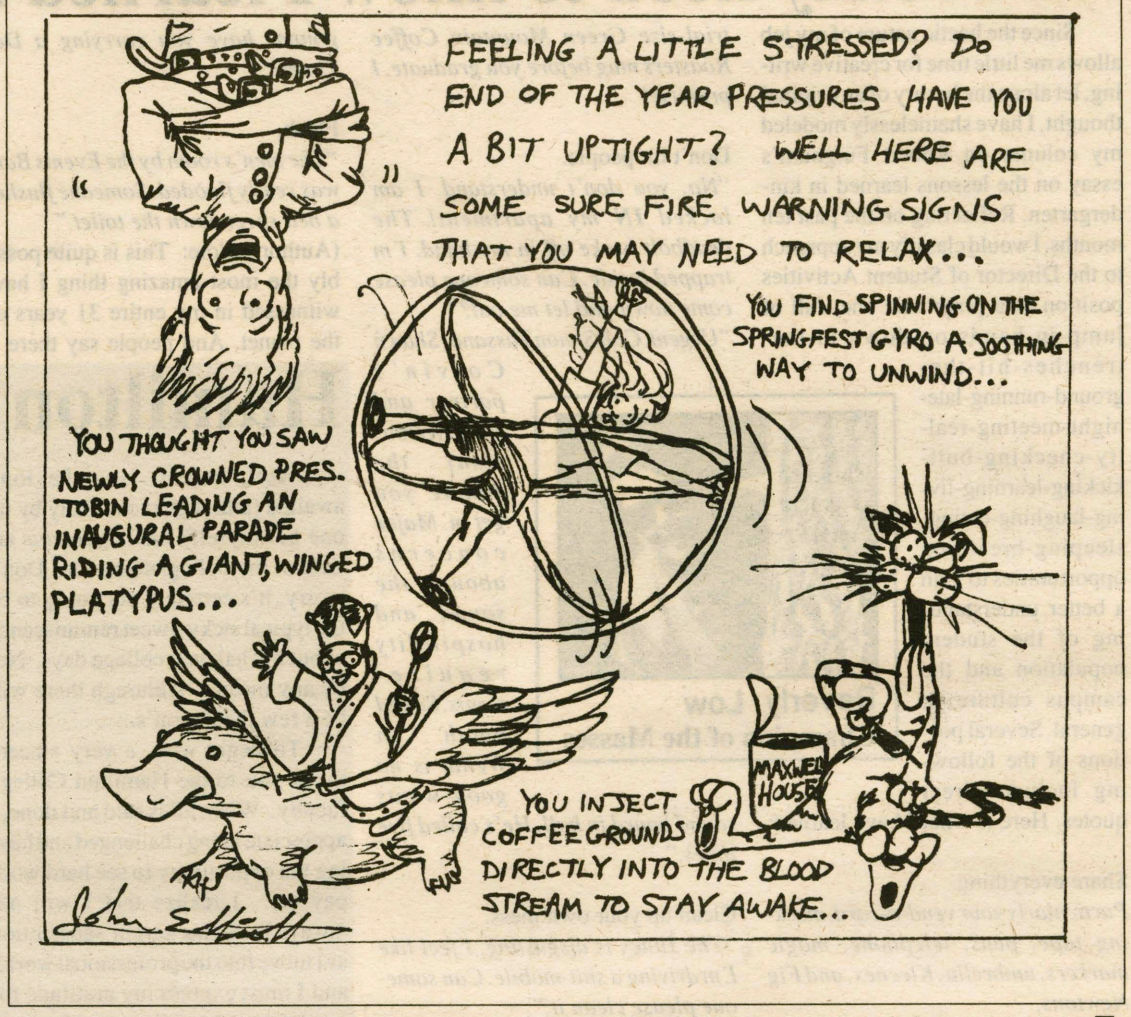
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Perseverence needed in the fight against racism

To the Editor:

"There comes a time when you can't be outraged any more, you just don't have the time or the energy." To the two nubian sisters who made this statement, we understand that the fight can be tiring, but we can't afford not to be outraged. Should we ever decide that the time or energy needed to fight is absent, then the fight is over. If our forefathers DuBois, King, Wells, and Walker (to name a few) had decided that they didn't have the time or the energy to fight, then you, my sisters, would not have the luxury of making the aforementioned statement. As African-Americans, we must continue to confront racism on a personal level in order for there to be change. We can not allow blatant acts of racism to go unchallenged, for we will be giving our silent endorsement.

In response to Bill Murphy's statement that "it amazes me [him] that there are still minority students who believe that they can overcome such odds. For this I envy their idealism," we are not fighting because of idealism, we continue to fight out of necessity. If we ever hope to live in a society that treats us as full citizens with all the rights that we are due, we must challenge any and all acts of racism that we encounter.

Lastly, in response to your comment "what's strange is that I'm white and I feel that there's nothing I can do" we respectfully ask you to step back and look at the division of power in this country. The individual or group that has historically controlled the rate of change has been the white male. In present society white males are still the dominant group. As a member of this group you do have the power to make a change.

Furthermore, racism is not limited to illiterates and the poor. It is not the poor who continue to perpetuate our racist society, but individuals who hold wealth and power; individuals who have attended institutions similar to Hamilton. These persons are able to transform their racist ideologies into actuality. Education does not necessarily lead to moral enlightenment.

Racism is prevalent in American Society.

Nicole Neckles '95
Monique L. Green '96

Rainbow Strut sends harmless and essential message to the campus

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Marcus L. Johnson's article in the "Alexander's Review" regarding 'celebrate sexuality week.' The Rainbow Strut was made up of students who are not necessarily members of the 'Hamilton gay community.' The only reason I say this is so that you can know that there were other students lending their support to the GLBSA during their celebrations.

You complain about the defacing of the campus with chalk writings. Every year since I've been at Hamilton I've had to pay for damages. I've never destroyed anything on this campus or in my dorm. However, I've had to pay for damages caused by other students' foolish actions. If students are so concerned about the "defacing of their campus," then why do they continue to break doors, windows, lights, and flood bathrooms in the dorms? These damages cost a ridiculous amount of money. I do not think that chalk causes any damage that cannot be washed away with the first raindrops. However, the issues addressed by the chalk writings will not disappear that easily. Gay students are a part of the Hamilton community and will continue to be. Therefore, you cannot dismiss them or the issues that affect their lives on this campus.

As for the supposedly "potential support" that could have been hindered—I'm in no position to speak for the Hamilton gay community, but if support could be hindered based on chalk writings, then that's no support!

For those students who were annoyed while taking time out of their very busy schedules to have lunch with friends, maybe they should have taken a few minutes to question why such actions as the Rainbow Strut were necessary. You think that these students were annoyed? What about students who have to hide who they are because of attitudes like yours?

Also, I don't think that the "gay community is having trouble making social progress" due to their activism. However, I do think that it is due to bigots like you who mask your bigotry under your "very libertarian stance" that make social progress difficult for any group.

Roxann Antoine '94

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I will work for room and board, plus a little pocket change

Last week of school and I have to figure out what's important enough to write about. That's a tall order. Mustering public regard when they are about to leave you is a tough thing. How about this for a topic? They say we're the next generation of leaders (or alternatively Generation X) but all too often when recent undergraduates enter the work world they are faced with culture shock.

The shock that tells one, no one values your education more than you and some less. And when they ask you what have you done, you'd better have a quick answer. Remember your action verbs boys and girls. Now, I can see the argument that at Hamilton we are not as disrupted by such practices. It's true that if you use the career center's insider information and make an effort to meet the right people (who are the "right" people by the way?) the Hamilton network will treat you very well, especially in the cities. What is a factor for us and the greater college spectrum, let's say community, city, state, and large universities is the fact that it seems that the work world is losing faith in the collegiate youth. This could be happening for one of three reasons. The first is that the economy was decimated by key political figures like Reagan ('Don't worry the banks won't collect on us.'), Koch ('Problems in the city? -hand over eyes- Where? Get the "New York Post" on the line!"), Cuomo (who's saying nothing important, ever, was more than enough to encourage foolhardy in government offices), and I'd like to add Rudolph Guliani (who's anti-public good tactics and totalitarian grip on the city is "helping the economy" by giving corporations back their corruptly gained final word on spending policies). These are just representative samples, there are far more of these figures out there.

The second reason is the seeming distrust is recent collegiate brain matter as expressed by all non-corporate enterprise. The corporations can afford to give you a probationary period. Several millions of dollars run through their hands every day. If you slip up, and consequently disrupt "the team" and be sure that "the team" will come before your activism, that 25,000 dollar starting salary is a business loss. End of your story, not theirs. Add to this the fact that everyone in the corporate sector will know and the likelihood of your immediate future employ is nil.

Why this seems ridiculous to me is the fact that we are constantly called "the next generation of leaders" and at the same time called "Generation X". We are both the bright hopes of the future and children running through a glass house, hammer in hand. We are both to be praised and watched carefully. We are both to be salve for all wounds and poison that immediately slays the soul. One cannot serve in both capacities. In a world that is far more pessimistic than optimistic, "These young dreams will die.", we have become the enemy before we even knew what the battle was about. In the past if you were a college kid, and of the majority in all respects unless you lived in a community of your own people, there was no question about a successful future. Education meant everything then. Unless, you were totally a slacker, or just not producing, you were the talk of the town. Now, not only do you have to know people who know people, not only do you have to play the game until you have enough power to reinvent the game, not only do you have to watch out for all the pitfalls because they will gain the most attention of anyone's, but you have to prove irrefutably that no one is better than you in this life or any other. In other words, becoming part of the team means becoming part of the same cutthroat, kill or be killed, you've got to vanquish others to succeed and gain power mentality. Ralph Ellison wrote in his book *Invisible Man*, "Play the game but make the game your own." There is no faith in the young ming thus no desire to swell the market beyond the functional staff (meeting small business are doomed to just get by and/or stay at their current number for some time).

Though everyone sees the hope for a better economic construct no one, logically, is going to jeopardize their own economic existence to do it. Seeing as one can be a paycheck away from homelessness in this country this reaction isn't totally unfounded. See, the search for bigger and better degrees and thus the academic strata itself becoming a business is only a result of deeper rooted problems. The problem is there will never be another Franklin Delano Roosevelt to force the economic and political spheres to swell. That kind of President will never be elected into office again. We are on our own. It's all about economic leverage and right now that rests with the big money corporations. Small time corporations don't even matter anymore. Four internships a year at such reduced salaries is community service, as well as a tax write off. In work such as this no one is going to trust some green, hopeful, and not yet whittled at college sample to handle a borderline economic situation. Go back to school, it's a way to spend your time and your money.

Guest Columnist
Kamau Rucker

I'm sorry I can't propose answers, but like you, I don't have the leverage. In fact, I have even less leverage than you because I am not of the majority. Maybe we should start encouraging confused high school graduates to do a year's worth of work. Perhaps internships should be offered to these graduates by people who are in the know. Or maybe we should swear to ourselves that we will be rebellious, but broke. The first is actually a good idea. The second, I must remind you, put Columbus in jail. In modern context, it put Ghandi in jail several times. Or start your own business. It will cost you at first but later...think of the liberation. Remember that you are not a generation but a scholar just like any other. We are all scholars in this world. It's just that some scholars "made it" quicker than you did because of mother nature's discretionary practices. Find an organization in line with your politics, I'm sure they will welcome you. Don't trust all politicians. Some are in it only for the money and prestige (The Not-At-All Illustrious Mayor Koch) or to institute their own skewed politics (The Stalinesque, but we are in America so we can't say that right? Mayor Rudolph Guliani).

It's true that there's a dog eat dog world out there but don't be a dog, be a lioness protecting her cubs. The cubs are your aspirations. The cubs are your politics. The cubs are your soul.

Thanks for the challenge

From **Inquiry** on page 7.

ample, I have seen the inner workings of the "old-boy" network, and I've seen who it works for. (Hint—it looks an awful lot like old-boys start out as young-boys, in a bunch).

I've also seen that there are people here who engage in extremely immature behavior like destroying campus property just for fun, without even a thought of owning up to it. I don't know who they are, but I am certain that the rest of us don't appreciate having to pay for their thoughtless and inane conduct.

What else have I seen in these "hallowed halls?" I've seen racism, sexism, and homophobia. Of course, I've also seen people refuse to acknowledge that such things exist here. But they do. They're condoned and perpetuated. Actually, they're even institutionalized and protected.

One of the most frightening things I've seen on this campus is the security document which reported no rapes having occurred at Hamilton last year. I know, I know, they can't release information they don't officially have. I also realize that there are many obstacles, both personal and institutional, in the way of women who've been raped coming forward. But please, don't let a lack of information fool you. It happens here.

Yes, I've seen many things I wish I'd never had to see. But, in a way, perhaps the Hill has actually prepared me for the real world. After seeing Hamilton's ugly side, I know what's out there on a much larger scale. And, after all, I've also seen some things that I am very grateful for and that I will never forget.

For instance, I've seen that there are more than 10 people in the world who understand the importance of honesty, sacrifice, friendship, courage and forgiveness, that hard work can get you just as far as a silver spoon, and that survival is a very important skill. Recently, I've also seen that it is far past time to move on. I can't wait.

Life not so rosy in 1984

To the Editor:

We read with interest the letter submitted by our classmates regarding fraternities, and unfortunately it did not evoke warm memories, but rather brought back some of the issues that divided our class—as it seems it is doing to the class of '94 as well.

While fraternities may have some good qualities, as evidenced by the friendship that still bonds the Alpha Delta Phi's 10 years after graduation, we feel the negative qualities far outweigh any positive aspects a select group might experience.

Our classmates justified the existence of fraternities based on the argument that students would be exposed to discrimination in the "real world," so they might as well get used to it at Hamilton. We expect Hamilton to have higher standards. Hamilton has a responsibility not to perpetuate such discrimination. Furthermore, if Hamilton wants to attract top-notch students, it must compete with colleges who do not tolerate discrimination.

With our 10 year reunion approaching, it's sad to see that Hamilton has not yet dealt with its problems.

Julia Dickenson '84
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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.....

I can't remember when I've been caught off guard and out of control of a situation, but this past Sunday's **"Surprise Roast"** for me will always be an unforgettable moment.

Many of the guests left before I could personally thank them, but I'd like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the day special.

The organizers, Karen Johnson, Yance Ford, Lisa Wong, Bev Low, Theresa George, and Darryl Curry pulled if off without a hitch; I know what they must have gone through to keep me **"in the dark."**
The 'roasters' took all in attendance on a **rollercoaster ride through the emotional amusement park. . . .most times we laughed until we cried.**

My family and I appreciate all of the effort on the part of many for providing such a occasion. The years I've spent here have been both challenging and rewarding; **but the struggle is not over.** Keep up the good work and continue to strive for what is right and just.

Thank you for four wonderful years.

With Much Love...
I will miss all of you...

Karen

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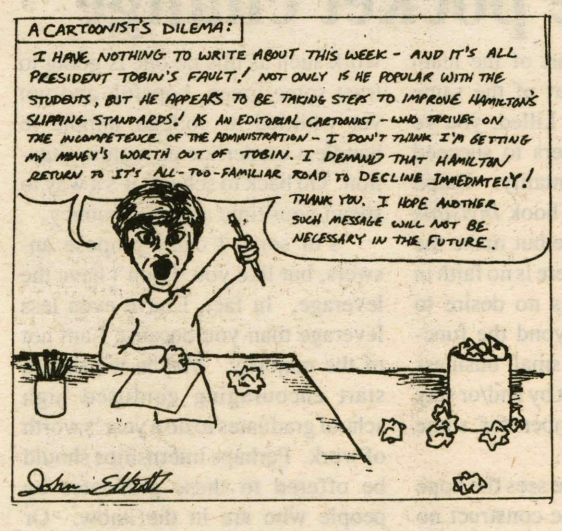
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John Elliott

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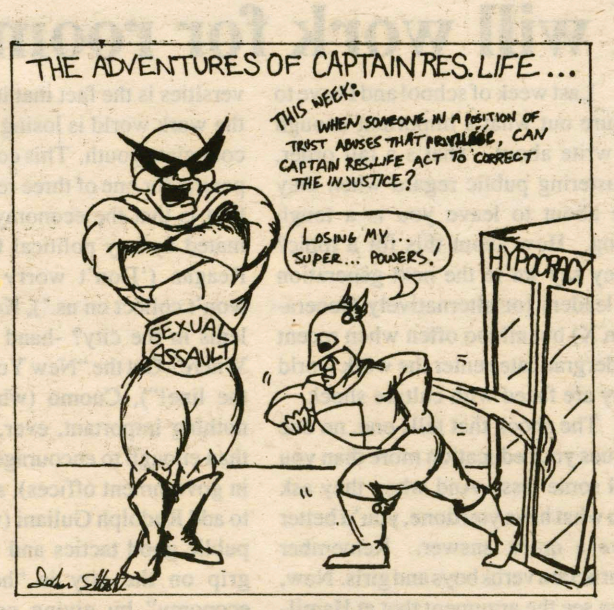
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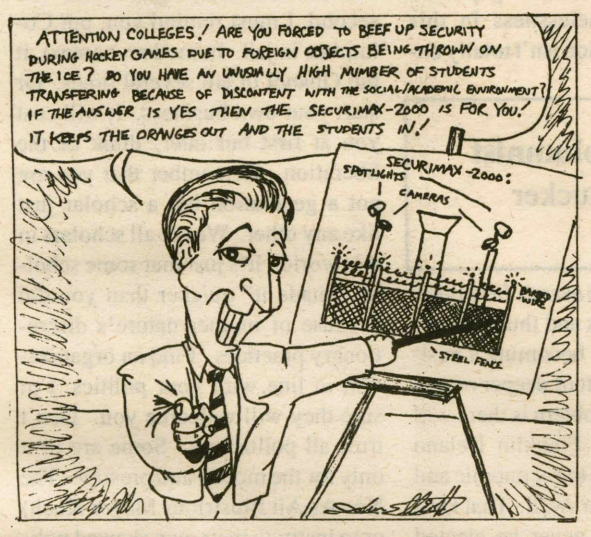
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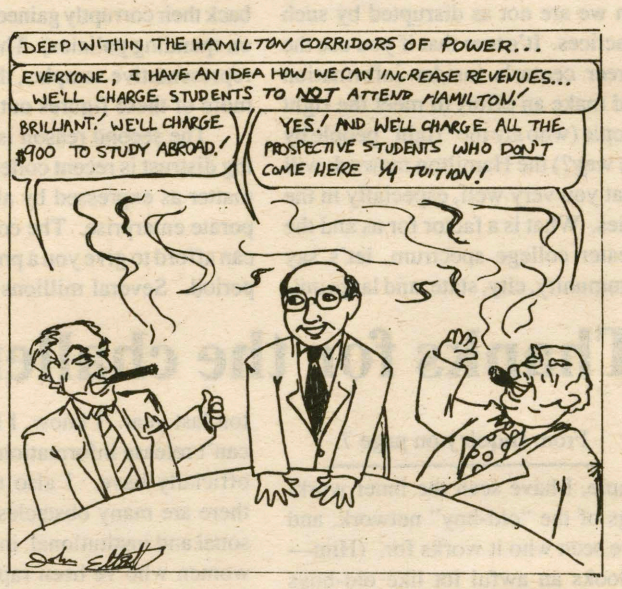
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Schreiner '94 to present Fornes' *Mud* as Senior Project in Theatre

Maria Irene Forbes *Mud* will be performed next week as Lisa Schreiner's senior project in theatre. Susan Sontag explains that Fornes "writes increasingly from a woman's point of view... Fornes' work has always been intelligent, often funny, never vulgar or cynical; both delicate and visceral... The plays have always been about wisdom: what it means to be wise."

Schreiner plays Mae, a woman whose social and economic class has limited her access to knowledge, and resulted in a deprivation of the tools of power available in intelligence, imagination, and humanity. Mae recognizes a light in knowledge and will stop at nothing to achieve a life of the mind.

This production, directed by Carole Bellini-Sharp, includes performances by Lisa Schreiner, Sam Wright, and Randy Fields. Performances are on Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13, at 8 p.m. in Minor Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.

Fields, Schreiner and Wright

Announcement:

The students of Barbara Gold's Classics 390, Hamilton College's Roaming Comedy Troupe, will be performing the Roman comedy "Casina", a story of romance and hidden identities. The play, performed in English, will be presented on Monday the 9th of May at 12:00 noon in List 106. The public is invited, and admission is free.

An Afternoon at the Movies with Jason Kurtz and Eric Strait

This Week's Movie: *PCU*

Jason:

If I were a professor at Hamilton, I would assign this movie to all of my students. **PCU** might be entitled Hamilton without anyone knowing the difference. This comedy addressed the issues of political correctness in a clever way and I couldn't help but laugh as the cast was complete with steakheads, activists, frat boys, and suits. All those found right here on the Hill.

While this movie definitely lacked a plot, the comedy more than made up for it. I laughed continuously for two hours and I feel you'll do the same as a Hamilton student. While this movie lacks any real message, I would argue that the writers attempting to tell their viewers that despite all of our differences ,we can still have a good time together. The highlight of the film definitely was P-Funk playing at an all out campus bash, and if it wasn't for this, the movie would have no soundtrack. For all of you who want a good laugh, go and see **PCU**, a comic portrayal of life at any small private liberal arts college.

Rating: √√√ **out of** √√√√√

Rating System:

√= **Horrible:** You should be angry for spending your time and money.
√√= **Fair:** Go to the matinee if you are bored one day. Should wait for video.
√√√=**Good:** Enjoyable and worth the high movie prices.
√√√√=**Excellent:** Do not miss this on the big screen.
√√√√√=**Classic:** Miss this if you want to be made fun of!

Eric:

If you attend a liberal arts school, **PCU** is a must see. It accurately reflects the frustration that many students feel concerning life at Hamilton and other similar schools. Based on Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Port Chester University is a bastion of protest, cultural analysis, sexist sensitivity, and overall PC values. The general theme is the conservative club, who are forced into seclusion by the campus, versus a group of non-sensitive students who are interested in parting, girls, and music. This conflict disrupts and creates protest throughout the entire campus. To further confuse matters, there is a pre-frosh on campus who has managed to piss off every student at PCU. Sounds confusing? Well, that is exactly my point. There is little focus to this movie and I guess there is a plot somewhere but I couldn't find it.

This movie deserves two ratings. First, If you do not go to college, do not see this film. It is stupid, sporadic, and predictable. If you go to college, and I assume most of the readers do, see it and compare PCU to Hamilton. I laughed at many scenes which were exactly like scenes at Hamilton. **PCU** is perfect for the liberal arts student.

Rating:
For Liberal Arts Students:
√√√√= **out of** √√√√√
For the average person:
√ **out of** √√√√√

***An Afternoon at the Movies is made possible by Sangertown Square Cinemas**

Music Notebook

Brian Glaser '94

The Meat Puppets are back—let's try not to ignore them this time, OK?

Actually, the new Meat Puppets album, *Too High To Die* (London Records), doesn't really bring the band *back* from anywhere. The Pups have been doing more or less the same thing non-stop since their *In A Car* EP from 1981.

But what exactly is it that they've been doing all that time? It isn't all that clear; a trip through the Arizonan band's nine-album back catalog doesn't reveal a Meat Puppets "sound," but any fan will know a Pups tune from the first few bars. Put simply, the Meat Puppets just sound like the Meat Puppets, and *Too High To Die* just might make the late-comers understand what they've been missing.

It's easiest to pigeonhole the band as an 80's punk combo. They have all the credentials: a mess of albums on the SST label, the tread marks of a never-ending tour, and a bizzare, cult-like fan base.

What sets the Pups apart from many of their LoudFast peers is their entirely unhip attitude about influences. Sure, the Ramones and the Clash are easy touchpoints, but singer/guitar player Curt Kirkwood also likes Z.Z. Top, country & western and Led Zep. It's just music, he says, and as early as 1983's *Meat Puppets II* Curt and his bass-playing brother Cris were making country-punk-metal-folk music that upset the underground *and* the commercial establishments.

Luckily for the Kirkwood brothers, the musical times have caught up with them. Now that edgy, original sounds are the rage, the Meat Puppets are finding that their tendency to place trippy rockers alongside Nashvillesque finger pickin' ballads (or mash up both into one song) means a shot at the Top of the Pops.

Too High To Die kicks off with the speedy Zeppelin stomp of "Violet Eyes." From there, the trio (which includes Derrick Bostrom on drums) veers all over the road, placing the 1-2-3-4 rock of "We Don't Exist" next to the bracingly melodic "Severed Goddess Hand" and the acid-folk of "Shine." The lyrics may not make a drop of sense (try to be inspired by, "One-eyed clown in the road with electric hair/ At his best he's a total disgrace," or, "I have seen their information/On the lighter side of dumbness") but the music signifies. The emotional release that doesn't come through in the lyrics peeks through in the band's unusual and personable playing.

While *Too High To Die* may not be the greatest thing the Pups have ever recorded, it is damn fine. For fans, it will restore the faith that may have been damaged by the band's major-label debut *Forbidden Places*. For neophytes, *Too High To Die* is the perfect introduction to the warped dada pleasures of the Meat Puppets. Enjoy the ride.

So then this guy says to me, "Hey, I was reading the newspaper the other day, and I turned to the Arts & Entertainment section, and first I read through some movie review, and then I gotta scratch my stomach, 'cause it was itchin' something awful, and then I pick up my greasy piece of pizza, and read some incomprehensible thing about some screaming loud music group no one has ever heard of and I'm sure they're never gonna hear about them either, and then somebody knocks at the door, so I put on my pants and go to the door, and it's somebody trying to sell me a vacuum cleaner, and I say, 'I sure as hell don't need a vacuum cleaner,'and I slam the door in his face and go back to the newspaper, that A & E thing I was telling you about, and I notice that they need an editor, one more editor, for next semester, and I figure I could be an A & E editor, so I call up the *Spectator* office at x4100 and I ask for Rubén, and I say, 'Rubén, I want to be next year's A & E editor,' and he looks me straight in the eye, takes a puff of his cigarette, blows it in my face, and says, 'OK,' OK?"

SIR, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE FACULTY AGAIN ABOUT GRADE INFLATION. STANDARDS ARE JUST FALLING OFF THE CHART.
THE PRESSURE TO PANDER IS EVEN BEGINNING TO AFFECT THE MATH DEPARTMENT!
MATH? HOW CAN THAT BE? AREN'T THERE ABSOLUTE ANSWERS IN MATH?
12-20
WELL, YES AND NO.
YES AND NO?
17!
39!
EXCELLENT GUESSES! WELL DONE!
GRADE INFLATION HITS THE WALDEN MATH DEPARTMENT.
NICE JOB, MS. JONES.
B+? I ONLY GOT A B+?
12-21
IS THERE A PROBLEM, MR. SLOCUM?
A PROBLEM? YOU BET THERE'S A PROBLEM, MAN! NO WAY I ONLY DESERVE A B+!
MR. SLOCUM, THIS IS MATH. YOUR GRADE IS VERY QUANTIFIABLE.
I DON'T BUY IT, MAN! YOU'RE TRYING TO DISEMPOWER ME! B+ IS A RACIST GRADE!
RACIST? BUT... BUT YOU'RE WHITE.
WELL, OKAY, TECHNICALLY, BUT I STILL FEEL MARGINALIZED!
THIS B+ IS WRONG, MAN! YOU'RE DISSIN' ME HERE BIG TIME!
MR. SLOCUM, I MERELY GAVE YOU THE GRADE YOU DESERVED.
12-22
CAN'T BE, MAN! THIS IS WAY OFF BASE!
AS WAS YOUR ENTIRE FIRST PROOF, IN WHICH YOU HELD THE SQUARE ROOT OF 144 TO BE 15. IT IS, IN FACT, 12.
WELL, SURE, FROM A NARROW, ABSOLUTIST, EUROCENTRIC PERSPECTIVE, MAYBE IT'S 12.
SO?
SO MY CULTURE TEACHES IT'S 15, MAN!
FASCINATING. WOULD THIS BE AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION?
IT'S NOT JUST ME, MAN! WHEN YOU GIVE ME A BOGUS GRADE, YOU'RE SHOWING DISRESPECT FOR MY WHOLE COMMUNITY!
AND WHAT COMMUNITY WOULD THAT BE, MR. SLOCUM?
MY FRATERNITY, MAN! WHICH MEANS A LOT MORE TO ME THAN A BUNCH OF DEAD GREEK GEEKS LIKE PYTHAGORAS, ARCHIMEDES AND HYPOTENUSE!
BUT AREN'T FRATERNITIES ALSO CALLED "GREEKS"?
12-23
BACK OFF, MAN. WE'RE ALREADY TALKING MAJOR INSENSITIVITY, OKAY? PLUS, THIS GRADE MESSES ME UP WITH B-SCHOOLS, SO MY LIFE IS, LIKE, RUINED!
YO! YOU SHOULD SUE, MAN!
HEY... YEAH. WHAT DO YOU THINK I COULD GET?
DOES THIS GO ON IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS?
I DON'T GET IT, MAN. EVERYONE ELSE GOT AN A! WHY NOT ME?
BECAUSE YOU BLEW OFF THE TEST, MR. SLOCUM. WHY ELSE?
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE I'M A MEMBER OF THE FRATERNITY COMMUNITY! I'M BEING VICTIMIZED BY YOUR LOW EXPECTATIONS! AND THAT'S NOT FAIR, MAN...
I'M ENTITLED TO STRAIGHT A'S, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE ON CAMPUS!
THIS IS INTERESTING. WHY ARE YOU "ENTITLED" TO GRADES YOU DON'T EARN?
IT'S A GREEK THING—YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
WELL, HELP ME OUT. ARE YOU SOME SORT OF ATHLETE?
PROFESSOR DEADMAN? I'VE GOT PRESIDENT KING ON THE LINE. CAN YOU HOLD?
UH... SURE.
12-25
JULES! WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT GIVING OUT A LOW GRADE TO A STUDENT? WE'VE JUST BEEN SLAPPED WITH A $5 MILLION LAW SUIT!
WHAT?
THE KID SAYS HE'S BEEN "STIGMATIZED" BY HIS LOW GRADE, WHICH PERPETUATES A VICIOUS "STEREOTYPE" OF HIS CULTURE.
SIR, HIS CULTURE IS A FRATERNITY.
WRONG. IT'S THE "GRECO-AMERICAN ATHLETIC COMMUNITY."

Personals

King, Master of the Universe—

You will never know just how much you mean to me. Everything we have been through this year—what would I do without you!?! Thank you for everything, even making me angry sometimes. I love you. I love you. I love you. The world is at your command. Go out and get it! I have faith that you can be anything you want to be. Good luck always. I'm so proud of you and everything that you do. You are truly incredible (in all ways).

Love, Your "Little" Freshman

Woman in White—

June 18th will be here before you know it. Thanks for thinking of me! I have already RSVPed—Wouldn't miss it for the world!

—Your Breakfast Buddy

ATTENTION!

All college students who worked in the Diner this school year—

Just a quick note to say your hard work and devotion was a big part in the success of the Diner. Thank you very much!!

—Steve Hughes, Diner Manager, Hamilton College Dining Service

Peaches—

Well, gorgeous, this is it ... your last message from me. Don't worry though. The fun is just beginning. This summer will be a blast—maybe I'll even find a job (imagine that!). Thank you for everything you have ever done to make me feel special. I will always remember the fun times (and the bad ones, too—but not as much) of which there are still many to come. I love you forever and ever. Get ready for a really great time!

—Muffin

To Carla and Val—

It was fun while it lasted. I'll miss you guys. Kick some butts in grad school. Jess and Young—keep in touch.

—Roxann A.

"Jefferina"—

Even though you are not here this semester, I want you to know that we think about you often and hope to see you soon.

Love, Liz and Angie

Dearest Neuschie—

Happy 19th Birthday!!

Love, Dr. Tam and Jen Rice

Male Ruggers—

Congratulations on a fine performance last Sat. beating Hartwick and almost beating Middlebury. Good luck to those graduating and, for those returning, get ready for another great year.

—Huck

Leen, Ang, and Mouse—

To the ladies of the infamous Quad: flying hair, six legged creatures, Correctol, prune juice, empty Baccardi bottles, late night bi—ch sessions, hook/line & sinker, exploding toilets, insulting me, chewbacca, and our many wars. It's been real. Let's all keep in touch!

Love always, Me (forever bald)

P.S. Angie, next year

To those beautiful black and Latina women (sister-friends)—

Thanks for your caring and sharing. Stay strong.

—Roxann

When I graduate, I'll say, "I'm so happy now ..." You'll know it's not completely true. I'll miss you, friends, with a Disney perma-grin.

Honey—

Happy Anniversary! Summer is here but we're stronger than ever. I love you with all of my heart!!

Truly yours, Honey

E & J—

It's been great hanging with you guys these last few months. Congratulations and good luck next year. We'll miss you!

—L & A

P.S. WHATEVER

Bev—

Thanks for everything this year! Your enthusiasm and spirit are fantastic additions to Hamilton College. Keep up the great work! I'll really miss you next year.

—Laura

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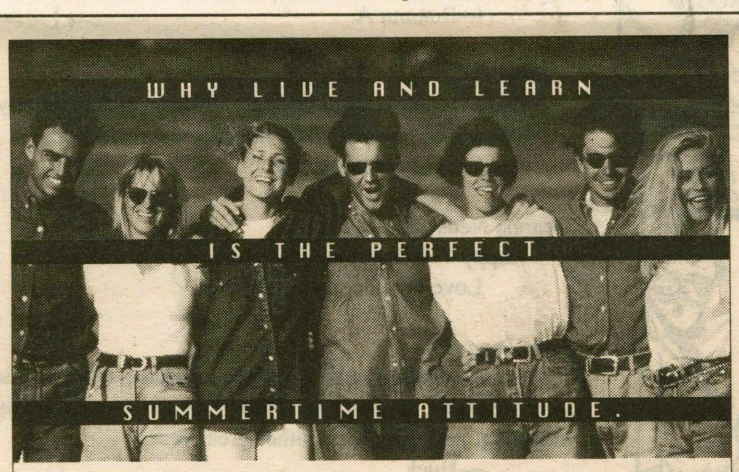

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Simon, Baluarte recieive Riffle Award

Compiled by The Sports Information Department

Hamilton College seniors Marc Simon and Giselle Baluarte have been named the Jack B. Riffle Award winners as the outstanding senior athletes at the College for the 1993-4 school year.

Growing up in Clinton, N.Y., Marc Simon could see the Hamilton College golf course from his house. The son of Hamilton professor and golf coach Robert Simon, Marc made the choice to remain on the College Hill to further his education and play golf. He has achieved great success, earning All-District and Academic All-America honors from the Golf Coaches Association of America last season. This year, his 77.1 stroke average has him in the running for at individual bid to the NCAA Division III C.hampionship Tournament later this month.

Giselle Baluarte earned recognition as a fine athlete in two sports, excelling in field hockey and lacrosse. A team captain in both sports, she was a four-year letterwinner in lacrosse, earning first-team All-NYSWCAA and All-Region honors as a junior. This season, she helped lead the Continentals to an 8-6 mark and a third place finish in the NYSWCAA Championship Tournament. She was no less impressive in field hockey, where she was a regional All-American three seasons in a row. As a senior, she was chosen to play in the prestigious North/South Senior All-Star Game.

The Jack B. Riffle award is presented annually to the outstanding male and female athletes at Hamilton. The award is made in honor of the late Jack B. Riffle, a former trustee of the College and devoted fan of Continentals athletics. Presentation of the award took place last night as a dinner for all Hamilton senior athletes and coaches, with Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit-Samuelson appearing as the keynote speaker.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

Rob Eckhart '94

Semester best 8-2 record in Beat the Experts

Dancing to the beat while enjoying his favorite drink, Bob (Robert) Eckhart '94 proved the critics wrong when he masterfully foresaw the outcomes of ten April Major League Baseball games. His display of expertise proves that the real experts do not hang out at the Spectator on Thursdays, instead they enjoy themselves at PubNight. Congratulations Robert, you are the Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week!

Beat the Experts Leader Board

Note: All ties are decided by the guests' record vs. the Experts. The guest with the best record wins the in the event that a tie-breaker is neccessary. The winner is named Athlete of the Week in the last issue of the semester (this issue).

Guest Name	Week	vs. Experts	Record
1. Robert Eckhart	April 1	2-1-0	8-2
2. Andy Cooley	Jan. 28	3-0-0	9-3
3. Karl Johnson	April 15	2-0-1	9-3
4. Mills Chapman	March 4	2-0-1	9-4
5. Heather Tesoriero	Jan. 28	2-0-1	9-4

Women's Softball

The Continental softball team went 4-3 in their final seven game stretch of the year to complete the season with a 14-7 record. After a decisive win over Hartwick in the first game of a doubleheader, the Continentals struggled at the plate and dropped the next three to Hartwick, Union, and Oswego. They picked up their next win in the second game against Oswego. Back on the winning track, they wrapped up the season with two wins against Albany State and SUNY-Utica.

Last Saturday the team began their seven game trek with a doubleheader against Hartwick. The first game was a bit of a slugfest for Hamilton as they compiled eleven hits and thirteen runs. Right fielder Kim Colvin had a perfect day at the plate, going 3 for 3 while junior Marsha Foster and senior captain Sarah Deforest had two hits a piece. Defensively, left fielder Michelle Pickett and senior captain third baseman Faith Morgan snuffed out Hartwick's chances aiding pitcher Kristen Ring in her four-hit, one run performance. The Continentals finished the contest in five innings with a 13-1 thrashing of Hartwick. The second game took a different twist for the Continentals. Hamilton could not seem to buy a hit as Hartwick held the Continentals to one run. Pitcher Marsha Foster took the 5-1 loss for Hamilton.

Following the disappointing loss to Hartwick, the Continentals faced the Union Dutchwomen on Sunday. The inclement weather made only one game possible, and Hamilton continued to struggle offensively against a strong Union club. Though many Hamilton players hit the ball hard, few smashes actually dropped for hits as Hamilton was held to only six hits. Kristen Ring endured her first defeat of the season as Union cruised to a 11-2 victory.

Monday, the continentals departed on their final roadtrip to Oswego for a doubleheader, where they split the twin-bill dropping the first game but holding on to the second. Sophomore Lowey Bundy pitched the first game, and although she held Oswego to fewer hits than Hamilton, Oswego capitalized on costly Hamilton errors as they captured a 5-3 victory. The second game turned into a softball marathon as Foster led the team from the mound to a 9-6 win. Oswego staged a comeback late in the game, but Hamilton held onto their early lead. Offensively the Continentals were beginning to return from their weekend hitting hiatus and despite being plagued with misfortune on the base paths, Hamilton returned to their winning ways. Leading the offense, Ring went 4 for 7 for the day, sophomores Betsy Crary and Jen Lotufo each went 2 for 4 and 2 for 3 respectively. Rounding out the Hamilton attack, Deforest batted 3 for 6.

The Continentals returned home to finish off their season with Albany and SUNY-Utica. Tuesday, Ring earned her ninth and final win of the season as Hamilton held on to a 5-3 victory over a solid Albany team. Pickett also performed well going 2 for 3 at the plate with both a single and a double, while Faith Morgan hit a long triple (nearly a round-tipper). The Continentals then beat SUNY Utica on Wednesday in a quick 4-1 season finale. Bundy was credited with the win as she paitched a solid four innings. She helped her own cause win she drove in the winning run on a single up the middle. Foster earned the save as she finished up the last three innings for the Continentals.

The 1994 season with all its snow, sleet and rain did not keep the softball team from picking up a record fourteen victories and an overall 14-7 season record. They would have a shot at being chosen for the state tournament, but due to a conflict with the academic calendar, Hamilton must withdraw its potential participation. Certainly the Continentals will miss the contributions, both on and off the field, of the four seniors: centerfielder Beth Merle, second baseman Carrie Kopriva, third baseman Morgan, and catcher Deforest. In their final season, all turned in impressive fielding efforts, and all four hit over .300 with Deforest leading the bunch as she batted over .400. With many returning players, the softball team looks forward to next year, and hopes to see the departing seniors back next Spring to cheer them on their 1995 season.

Men's Golf

Conditions this past weekend at Middlebury for the NESCAC Golf Championships were cold, wet, and windy. Although the Continental golfers made a run for the team title, the Williams College Ephman handled the adverse conditions particularly well in route to the tournament crown. Hamilton, led by Mark Fedorcik's 82-76 158 score, finished second followed closely by Amherst, then Trinity, Middlebury, and Wesleyan completing the top five.

Led by Jonathan Cooper's '96 first round 78, only two shot off the individual leader, the Hamilton golf team trailed Williams by only three shots going into the second day of play. However, neither Cooper nor Mike Saber '97 could match their individual heroics of their first round scores, and fifth man John Innes was unable to improve on his his first day total. Marc Simon, still hampered by a knee injury, finished a credible ninth overall, but was never able to make a run for the title.

Mark Fedorcik finished a strong second in the individual competition, only two shots behind Williams basketball star Rob Bice.

Although the Continentals were frustrated by their second place finish, they did raise their spring record to 19-3. They look forward to completing their season this weekend, at the Western New York Intercollegiate Tournament on Friday.

Men's Baseball

After a slow 1-12 start, the baseball team finally has found its winning ways, but unfortunately, their discovery comes a little late in the semester. In a region where the weather plays such a pivotal role in the determination of duration of the season, a two week slump or a couple bad outings on the mound leave little margin for error in a season that does not even last a month. For the Continentals, the demands placed upon their performance by the weather shortened season forced them to perform at their best, and with one week left in the semester, the team proves to be a late, but successful, bloomer.

Last weekend the team travelled to the Hartwick College Cooperstown "Fame" Tournament. The field welcomed three teams, Middlebury, Tufts, and Hamilton along with nearby Hartwick. The first round match-up paired the Continentals with the host squad. The advantage of playing before a friendly crowd helped Hartwick's chances against the streaking Continentals, but with a 19-10 record entering the game, Hartwick stood out as decisive favorites to head on to the championship game on Sunday.

On the mound for the Continentals stood Mike Rahmer and his imposing fastball. In the course of the afternoon, the junior ace fanned eleven Hartwick batters, but in the end, he would still need the help of the Hamilton's bats. Luckily for Rahmer, the Continental offense showed up in full force that day, sending three shots over the fences to lead Hamilton

The Hamilton offense centered around the power of Eric Macrina '94, who blasted two separate hoeruns on the day in the process of driving in five runs. Jason Pithie '94 also supported Rahmer's cause with a booming three-run shot that kept the Continentals in the ball game. In the end, the contributions of sophomore Aaron Simon provided the deciding punch, as he also homered and went 4 for 8 in the game. Rahmer used the support to hold on to a 9-7 while slinging a six-hitter.

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With a vengeance, Women's Lax takes third at States

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Sports Editor

After an 0-2 start over Spring Break in sunny Orlando, Florida, Betsy Bruce and her women's lacrosse team have fought back to turn the 1994 season into an unquestionable success. Despite their slow start, the team heated up with the weather, peaking at just the right time with the N.Y.S.W.C.A.A. Championship Tournament last weekend. The team entered the tournament seeded fifth, and their first round match-up pitted them against host Ithaca. With the home field advantage, Ithaca looked to dispose of the Continentals once again after their narrow overtime win over Hamilton earlier in the year. The game offered Hamilton a considerable challenge in the first round, but the women's squad arrived happy to be apart of the select field as they set out determined to return the favor to Ithaca.

Hamilton saw a similar style of play as the first match-up, but this time the Continentals came out on top. They prevailed in another close game, but the 16-12 victory allowed the season to continue one more game. In the semi-finals of the tournament, the Continentals faced off against William Smith for the honor to play Cortland for the championship. Hamilton's opponent, ranked second in the nation, posed a problem for the Continental squad, but after leading same team at half-time only to lose later in the game earlier in the year, Hamilton remained confident in their chances to dethrone the highly touted William Smith team. Liz Lowman '94 scored three goals, and Becky Egan '96 and Joanna Peters '96 each contributed two goals and an assist, but in the end the 13-0 Herons prevailed as expected, but not after a another tough test from the pesky Hamilton squad. In goal, Ashley Wilberding '94 and Melissa Hyner '97 coupled for 15 saves in the losing effort.

The loss left the Continentals to settle for the consolation third-place game against another familiar opponent Hartwick. Hamilton looked to capitalize on Hartwick's dejection after their lost to Cortland. Judy Whitaker '97 provided the offensive punch for Hamilton, and in the end, the Continentals squeaked out a 14-13 win. The victory earned the team a third place finish in the state, and helped them conclude their successful season at 8-6.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HEDGES '96 **Hamilton scoops for the ball in last last weekend State'stournament.**

Spring Finale

Season ends with NESCAC, State competitions

Men's Tennis

Coming into NESCAC competition, the men's tennis team looked to leave a lasting impression on the competition. In a conference of perennial powerhouses, the Continentals looked to break into the top five, but bad breaks, literally, hampered the Continental's quest. For the team's star, Isik Okte '94, the tournament marked his farewell appearance before Williams, Amherst, Middlebury, Trinity and the rest of some of the northeast's best teams. Okte's dominance at the number one singles spot made him a contender for a NESCAC individual championship, but the unexpected happened.

Okte suffered an injury that forced him to withdraw from singles competition, and his absences deflated the team's morale. Without their leader, the squad tried to regroup, but only two players escaped the first round. Sam Walker '96 once again proved his tested ability to perform under pressure as he dominated his opponent to advance to the next round. With the best overall individual record for the season, Walker's excellence filled in for the missing Okte, but not even Walker's personality could keep the Continental fire alive. The only other player to make it to the semi-finals, Rob Pickles '94, also continued on his regular season success, but the duo's wins failed to produce enough points to keep the squad in the hunt for the top five finish they expected.

In the consolation rounds of the tournament, the Continentals looked to salvage some pride and respect in the country's most competitive Division III conference tournament. Leading the way, J.W. Hobson '97 ascended to a second place finish at number two singles, and Greg Hills '94 also earned a second place finish in the consolation round, losing in the championship at number three singles.

Despite the disappointing ninth place finish out of eleven teams, the Continentals remained content with their successful season overall, but they will miss the services of senior ace Okte in next year's competition. In addition to his departure, the services of Hills and Pickles will also be greatly missed on the courts next year for Hamilton .

Track and Field

This past weekend, the men's and women's track teams travelled to the beautiful facilities of Williams College for the annual NESCAC Track and Field Championships. While Williams dominated both fields with their incredible overall team strength, Hamilton showcased the skills of some its premier athletes on an individual level.

Most notably, the team of Adrianne Levin '96, Shelley Bishop '96, Tami Koch '96, and Katheleen Cunniff '94 finished in a record setting 10:03.31 time in the 4X800-meter relay. The mark shattered the old school best time by more than forty-five seconds, and earned the Continental relay third among some incredible competition. Other noteworthy performances turned in by the women's team included Koch's state-qualifying time of 4:57.2 in the 1500-meter run which earned her seventh place. Other heroes from the record-breaking relay, Cunniff and Levin each turned in impressive performances, with Levin finishing ninth in the 400-meter dash with a state-qualifying time of 1:03.60 while Cunniff held on to finish an outstanding eighth in the 5000-meter run. As a team, the women did not fair quite as well, finishing last in the eleven team field.

For the men, they also brought individual superstars to the meet ready to show their skills. Of the four state-qualifying performance turned in on the men's side, three belonged to David Brunk '96. In the 110-meter hurdles, Brunk performed his best as he sprinted to a fourth place finish with a time of 15.61. Tom Capo '97 ran 32:51.92 in the 10,000-meters to earn a sixth place finish, while fellow distance runner James Grinwis '94 managed a fourth place finish with a time of 15:56.31 in the 5000-meter run. Grinwis also contributed to the men's team total with a seventh place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.91. Other contributions to the Continental cause included Chip Gibbons '96 who placed fourth in the pole vault . Overall, the men avoided the cellar, placing tenth out of eleven teams, but used the meet to qualify many athletes for the upcoming state competition.

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